

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1714****PATENT**
Docket No. 97078CIPDIV1**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Johnson et al. Group Art Unit: 1714
Application No.: 09/752,227 Examiner: Shosho, C.
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For: **MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING IMPROVED DISPERSING
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 29, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.